

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to Claims 6-7, 14-15, 22-23, and 26-27 as being dependent upon rejected base claims. The Examiner has stated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims have been amended, substantially as suggested by the Examiner.

Additionally, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2, 5-8, 17-18, and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being non-statutory. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 17, and 27 in order to avoid such rejection.

The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner begins by taking issue with the following claim language of Claims 1, 9, and 17 as being indefinite: "more thorough scanning options." Applicant has amended such language in the aforementioned claims to avoid such rejection.

The Examiner continues by taking issue with the terms "the computer system" and "the user" in Claim 28. More specifically, the Examiner states that 'it is not clear how this "computer system" (claim 28), and "a computer" (claim 1 line 1), and "an associated computer system" (claim 1 line 16) are related.' Applicant has amended Claim 28 to include "the associated computer system" in order to avoid such rejection. Additionally, applicant asserts that the term "the user" refers to "a user" as described in Claim 1.

The Examiner continues by taking issue with the term "at least substantially" in Claims 1, 9, and 17. Applicant has amended such language in the aforementioned claims in order to avoid such rejection.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAHP496).

Respectfully submitted,
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